

Board elects Strand, okays phone survey, adopts Arts curriculum

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After electing Carla Strand as 2001-02 board chairman and tabling election of a vice chair until August, the board completed several housekeeping resolutions that are required at the beginning of each fiscal year, then plunged right in to the business of pursuing a bond election for construction of new school facilities.

The board unanimously approved Director Jim Krahn's

motion to approve a reimbursement resolution, which allows the district to pay costs of issuance of general obligation bonds from the proceeds of the sale of bonds. They also appointed the law firm of Ater Wynne LLP as bond counsel, and Seattle-Northwest Securities Corporation as underwriter for the \$14.9 million bond.

The board agreed to contract with the Public Affairs Council for a telephone survey

of community attitudes regarding school facilities. The firm is widely used by school districts, municipalities and others in the Pacific Northwest to conduct this type of survey.

The board approved an updated Kindergarten-12th Grade arts curriculum prepared by the Arts Curriculum Committee. The committee, composed of Bob Isted, Doug Tesdal, Marguerite Nice and Bonnie Holce, worked with Curriculum Coordinator Robyn Cochran to develop content standards and scoring guides required by the state. Based on a belief that all students deserve access to a rich arts education regardless of their talents, background and challenges, the standards are meant to focus efforts toward common goals for every child.

Similar to already established standards, the standards for the arts are intended to provide every student with a set of skills and encourage critical thinking. The arts standards attempt to ensure that students make connections between concepts and across subject areas by developing an integrated curriculum.

Marguerite Nice, representing the committee, said that the standards will not create any new programs at this time, but will allow documentation of current practices. The standards also allow the district to acknowledge related student activities that take place outside of school, such as dance classes or participation in the Youth Philharmonic Orchestra. These extra-curricular activities can be used to meet state benchmarks. The board thanked Nice and the committee for their work.

Superintendent Larry McClellan told the board that very

few applications have been received for open teaching positions. Whereas, in the past, the district could receive up to 150 applications for a single opening, only seven applications have been received, to date, for two positions. McClellan added that Beaverton School district is not hiring while they complete inter-district transfers, but when this large district begins to hire, it could become even more difficult to secure new teachers. The district has been successful in hiring four new high school teachers; hir-

ing for elementary teachers will be completed soon.

In other action, the board:

- Accepted resignations from Kurt Victor and Marci Gwin.

- Requested that McClellan contact Max Janikowski, of the Oregon School Boards Association (OSBA), to facilitate a goal-setting board workshop on July 26.

- Agreed that the OSBA communications audit should begin in August so focus groups can meet in September.

- Set meeting dates for the 2001-2002 year.

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Community Calendar

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Alcoholics Anonymous	Mondays	6:30 p.m., Head Start Bldg.
Alcoholics Anonymous	Saturdays	7:00 p.m., Head Start Bldg.
American Legion Post #119	2nd Thursday	627 Adams Ave./ 503-429-4000
Arts & Crafts Society	2nd Thursday	2:00 p.m., City Library
Boosters	2nd Wednesday	7:30 p.m., VHS Library
Boy Scout Troop 201	Tuesdays	7:00 p.m., Head Start Bldg.
Boy Scout Troop 860	Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., LDS Church
Cemetery Beautification Comm.	2nd Thursday	7:00 p.m., Leonetti's Grill
Chamber of Commerce	2nd Wednesday	Noon, Lew's Place
Doll Club	4th Tuesday	1:00 p.m., Senior Center
Girl Scouts	Thursdays	6:30-8 p.m., Christian Church
Izaak Walton League	3rd Thursday	For location call 503-429-7193
Lions Club	1st & 3rd Tuesdays	6:30 p.m., Lew's Place
Narcotics Anonymous	Fridays	6:00 p.m., Head Start Bldg.
Nehalem Valley Car Club		For Info Call 503-429-4074
Preschool Story Hour	Mondays	10:30 a.m., City Library
Upr Nehalem Watershed Council	4th Thursday	For location call 429-2401
Vernonia Airport Committee	3rd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., City Library
Vernonia Cares Directors		For location call 503-429-1414
Vernonia City Council	1st & 3rd Mondays	6:30 p.m., City Hall
Vernonia Comm. Dev. Corp.	2nd Tuesday	Noon, City Hall
Vernonia Grange	2nd Friday	7:00 p.m., Grange Hall
Vernonia Health Center	2nd Thursday	6:00 p.m., 510 Bridge St.
Vernonia Planning Comm.	1st Thursday	7:00 p.m., City Hall
Vernonia Pride		For Info Call, 503-429-5201
Vernonia Ridge Riders	Last Thursday	7:00 p.m., City Library
Vernonia RFPD Board	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Fire Station
Vernonia School Board	2nd Thursday	8:00 p.m., District Office
Vernonia Sr. Center Board	1st Friday	1:00 p.m., Senior Center
Vernonia Volunteer Firefighters	2nd Monday	7:00 p.m., Fire Station
WOEC Directors	3rd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., WOEC

MIST-BIRKENFELD

M-BRFPD Board	2nd & 4th Tuesday	7:30 p.m., Main Fire Station
M-B Ambulance Assoc.	1st & 2nd Thurs.	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
M-B Firefighters Assoc.	1st & 2nd Wed.	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
M-B Rescue	3rd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station
M-B Helping Circle	2nd Wednesday	10:00 am, 755-2346 for info.
Natal Grange	2nd Wednesday	7:30 p.m., Grange Hall
T.O.P.S.	Sundays	7:00 p.m., Main Fire Station

BANKS

Alcoholics Anonymous	Fridays	8:00 p.m., Methodist Church
Banks City Council	2nd Tuesday	7:30 p.m., City Hall
Banks Planning Commission	Last Tuesday	7:00 p.m., City Hall
Banks School Board	2nd Monday	7:30 p.m., Jr. High Library
Banks Youth Group	Sundays, Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., UMC Youth Bldg.
Chamber of Commerce	1st Thursday	12:30 p.m., Brown Derby
Citizen Participation Org.	3rd Monday, odd months	7:15 p.m., City Hall
Friends of the Library	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., City Library
Lions Club	1st & 3rd Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., Methodist Church
Sunset Park Assoc.	3rd Wednesday	8:00 p.m., Gun Club
T.O.P.S.	Wednesdays	7:00 p.m., Administration Bldg.
Tri-City RFPD Board	2nd Wednesday	7:00 p.m., Station 13

COLUMBIA COUNTY (All meet in St. Helens unless otherwise noted.)

Board of Commissioners	Wednesdays	10 a.m., Courthouse
Citizens for Senior Justice	2nd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Sunset Park Church
COLCO Transportation	2nd Friday	10:30 a.m., Courthouse
County Council of Seniors	2nd Friday	1:00 p.m., Courthouse
County Fair Board	2nd Monday	7:00 p.m., Fairgrounds 4-H Bldg.
County Parks Commission	3rd Monday	6:00 p.m., 1054 Oregon St.
Emergency Comm. Dist. (9-1-1)	3rd Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Courthouse
Historical Society	4th Wednesday	Noon, location call 429-3713

Organizations and meeting dates not listed may be included by calling 429-9410 or by mail to The INDEPENDENT, 725 Bridge Street, Vernonia, OR 97064.